CLAIMS

1.   A lodging facility comprising:

    a plurality of rooms, each including at least one device configured to collect at least one image of a guest activity in the room; and

    a consent collection point configured to permit a guest to occupy one of the plurality of rooms upon the guest consenting to the lodging facility's use of an image of the guest's activities within the room for the lodging facility's commercial purposes.

2.   The lodging facility of claim 1, wherein the at least one image comprises an electronic representation of at least one of a visual image and an audio image.

3.   The lodging facility of claim 1, wherein the at least one device includes a plurality of devices each configured to collect at least one image.

4.   The lodging facility of claim 1, wherein the device in each of the rooms is further configured to transmit the at least one image to an image control center.

5.   The lodging facility of claim 4, wherein the image control center includes an Internet server associated therewith and configured to display at least one of the collected images on the Internet.

6.   The lodging facility of claim 5, wherein the Internet server is further configured to display the image on the Internet substantially simultaneous with collecting the image.

7.   The lodging facility of claim 5, wherein the Internet server is further configured to display an edited version of the image on the Internet.

8. The lodging facility of claim 4, wherein the image control center further includes an image storage device associated therewith and configured to store at least a portion of the images collected from the rooms.

9. The lodging facility of claim 1, wherein the consent collection point is further configured to provide the guest one of a discounted stay, a free stay and a promotional item in exchange for consent to use the image for the lodging facility's commercial purposes.

10. The lodging facility of claim 1, wherein each of the plurality of rooms further comprises one or more of a toy and a game to encourage particular activities within the room.

11. The lodging facility of claim 1, wherein each room is categorized by a type of image the lodging facility desires to collect from that room.

12. The lodging facility of claim 1, wherein each room is categorized by a room theme.

13. The lodging facility of claim 1, wherein each room includes at least one hidden device configured to collect the image.

14. The lodging facility of claim 1, wherein each room includes at least one non-hidden device configured to collect the image.

15. The lodging facility of claim 1, wherein whether each of the devices receives an image is controlled by the lodging facility.

16. The lodging facility of claim 1, wherein each device is further configured to automatically receive the at least one image.

1   17.   The lodging facility of claim 1, wherein a portion of the plurality of rooms further

2   each comprises a display configured to allow a guest to select one of the plurality

3   of rooms and observe an image of an activity occurring within that room.

1   18.   A method for operating a lodging facility, the method comprising:

2   providing at least one device configured to collect an image in each of a plurality

3   of rooms associated with the lodging facility; and

4   permitting a lodging facility guest to occupy one of the plurality of rooms in

5   exchange for the guest's consent to have images of the guest's activities within the room

6   to be collected and used for the lodging facility's commercial purposes.

1   19.   The method of claim 18, wherein providing at least one device configured to

2   collect an image comprises providing a plurality of devices configured to collect

3   an image in each of the plurality of rooms.

1   20.   The method of claim 18, wherein providing at least one device configured to

2   collect an image comprises providing a hidden device configured to collect an

3   image.

1   21.   The method of claim 18, further comprising collecting an image of the guest's

2   activities within the room.

1   22.   The method of claim 21, further comprising displaying the image of the guest's

2   activities on the Internet.

1   23.   The method of claim 22, wherein displaying the image on the Internet comprises

2   displaying the image substantially simultaneous with collecting the image.

1   24.   The method of claim 21, further comprising storing the collected image of the

2   guest's activities within the room.

1   25.   The method of claim 24, further comprising editing the collected image of the

2   guest's activities within the room.

26. The method of claim 25, further comprising displaying the edited image on the Internet.

27. The method of claim 25, further comprising storing the edited image on an image storage device.

28. The method of claim 22, wherein displaying the image of the guest's activities on the Internet comprises arranging access to the image with access to other images of other rooms associated with the lodging facility, such that access to each image is categorized by a type of activity occurring in the image.

29. The method of claim 18, further comprising having the guest select a room theme in which to have the image collected.

30. The method of claim 18, further comprising having the guest select a type of activity to participate in for the image to be collected.

31. The method of claim 30, further comprising assigning a room to the guest based upon the type of activity selected.

32. The method of claim 18, further comprising allowing the guest to use the room at one of a discounted rate and a free rate in exchange for consent to use the image for the lodging facility's commercial purposes.

33. The method of claim 18, further comprising establishing a membership group to observe images collected from the plurality of rooms.

34. The method of claim 33, further comprising charging a membership fee to the membership group in exchange for access to the images.

1 35. The method of claim 34, further comprising allowing a member to access the
2 images by reference to a type of activity the member desires to see.

1 36. The method of claim 27, further comprising selling copies of the edited images.

1 37. The method of claim 18, further comprising maintaining control at the lodging
2 facility over whether each of the devices collects an image.

1 38. The method of claim 18, further comprising automatically collecting the image
2 from the room.

1 39. The method of claim 18, further comprising placing at least one display in each of
2 at least a portion of the plurality of rooms and configuring the display to allow a
3 guest to select one of the plurality of rooms and observe an image of an activity
4 occurring within that room.

1   40.   A method of collecting and distributing images of guests to a lodging facility for

2   commercial purposes, the method comprising:

3   providing at least one device configured to collect an image in each of a plurality

4 of rooms associated with the lodging facility; and

5   permitting a guest to the lodging facility to occupy one of the plurality of rooms in

6 exchange for the guest's consent to allow the image from the room the guest occupies to

7 be used for the lodging facility's commercial purposes

8   collecting an image of the guest's activities in the room; and

9   displaying the image of the guest's activities for profit.

1   41.   The method of claim 40, wherein placing at least one device configured to collect

2   an image comprises placing a plurality of devices configured to collect an image

3   in each of the plurality of rooms.

1   42.   The method of claim 40, wherein providing at least one device configured to

2   collect an image comprises providing a hidden device configured to collect an

3   image.

1   43.   The method of claim 40, further comprising displaying the image of the guest's

2   activities on the Internet.

1   44.   The method of claim 43, wherein displaying the image over the Internet comprises

2   displaying the image substantially simultaneous with collecting the image.

1   45.   The method of claim 40, wherein displaying the collected image for profit

2   comprises displaying the collected image on the Internet for access to members

3   who have purchased a membership to access the Internet site.

1   46.   The method of claim 40, wherein displaying the collected image for profit

2   comprises displaying the collected image on the Internet in association with

3   advertising.

1   47.   The method of claim 40, wherein displaying the collected image for profit

2   comprises placing at least a portion of the collected image on a display media and

3   selling the display media.

1   48.   The method of claim 40, wherein displaying the collected image for profit

2   comprises establishing a site for displaying the collected images, the site

3   configured to display the collected images by type of activity displayed through

4   the images.

1   49.   The method of claim 40, further comprising having the guest select a theme room

2   in which to have the image collected.

1   50.   The method of claim 40, further comprising having the guest select a type of

2   activity of which the image will be collected.

1   51.   The method of claim 50, further comprising assigning a room to the guest based

2   upon the type of activity selected.

1   52.   The method of claim 40, further comprising permitting the guest to occupy the

2   room at one of a discounted rate and a free rate in exchange for consent to use the

3   image for the lodging facility's commercial purposes.

1   53.   The method of claim 40, wherein displaying the collected image for profit

2   comprises selling edited copies of the collected images.

1 54. The method of claim 40, further comprising maintaining control at the lodging

2 facility over whether each of the devices collects an image.

1 55. The method of claim 40, wherein collecting an image comprises automatically

2 collecting the image.

1 56. The method of claim 40, further comprising providing at least one display in each

2 of at least a portion of the plurality of rooms and configuring the display to allow

3 a guest to select one of the plurality of rooms and observe an image of an activity

4 occurring within that room.

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